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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner date, 09/05/2007, rejecting the following claims 32-42, 44, 46-49

☒ The fee for filing this Notice of Appeal is \$510.00 (37 CFR 41.20).

☒ No Additional Fee Required.

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.13 6(a) apply.

☐ (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (FEES: 37 CFR 1.17 (a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

☐ 1st Month  
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☐ (b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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